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From the Director of Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to rename the service drive to Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center as “B Thomas Wanta Way,” by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. B. Thomas Wanta began his career at Milwaukee County (the County) in 1976, serving as the Superintendent of the County Juvenile Justice Center, and later became the Chief Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wanta has been recognized by County government and the County community for his unwavering commitment to helping delinquent youth turn their lives around; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wanta was awarded the 2015 Norman G. Gill Award for Individual Excellence by the Public Policy Forum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wanta and his staff were awarded the 2011 Wisconsin Cares About Kids Award issued by the State Public Defenders Office; and

WHEREAS, after 40 years of service, finishing as the top official at the County's Delinquency and Court Services Division and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Mr. Wanta retired from the County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wanta retired from the County in 2016 after 40 years of service to the County, only to pass away tragically shortly afterwards; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of May 17, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-364 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby honors the life and contributions of Mr. B. Thomas Wanta, the former County Administrator for the Children’s Delinquency and Court Services Division, by naming the service drive connecting Innovation Drive in Wauwatosa to the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center “B Thomas Wanta Way.”